Ante. p. 1114.

The voluntary blood donor system developed by the American Red Cross and the American Association of Blood Banks provides modern methods for safe and simple donations of blood. Contributions of the voluntary blood donor should be recognized and encouraged to assure that our nation's growing need is safely met.

To this end, the Congress by Senate Joint Resolution 223 has requested the President to issue a proclamation designating the month of January 1971 as National Blood Donor Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the month of January 1971 as National Blood Donor Month. I call upon the public media, the blood-banking and medical and health facilities of our country, and the public at large to pay special tribute and honor during that month to the voluntary blood donor and to encourage, by all appropriate means, increasing numbers of people to be voluntary blood donors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-fifth.

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Proclamation 4020 WORLD LAW DAY, 1970

By the President of the United States of America A Proclamation

October 30, 1970

At a time when a few men and women in many countries are reaching beyond legal forms in pursuit of their goals, it is more important than ever for the vast majority to reaffirm their commitment to the processes of law. But it is not enough that we merely defend the law as we have known it in the past: we must also work to build up rule of law—and to extend its influence in international affairs as well as in our national life.

One way in which the rule of law in world affairs can be encouraged is through stronger efforts to improve and modernize international legal education. The designation of 1970 as International Education Year by the United Nations General Assembly underscores the importance of this effort.

By directing the attention of men and women in all parts of our planet to the need for legal procedures and to their potential for resolving conflicts, we can do much to advance the day when mankind achieves a lasting world peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim November 25, 1970, as World Law Day. I call on all our people to join in this Sixth International Observance of World Law Day, as sponsored by the Center for World Peace Through Law. I hope that men and women will use this occasion for reflecting on the importance of legal procedures in their daily lives, on ways in which they can enhance general respect for the law, and on methods for making the law a more effective force in international affairs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-fifth.

Proclamation 4021

November 5, 1970

THANKSGIVING DAY, 1970 By the President of the United States of America

In 1863 Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President, lifted the downcast view of a war-weary Nation to see the evidence of God's bounty. He proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving to be observed by each American in his own way. President Lincoln wisely knew that a man's declaration of his gratitude to God is, in itself, an act which strengthens the thanksgiver because it renews his own realization of his relationship to his God.

A Proclamation

As thanksgiving enriches the individual it must bless his home, community and his country. It is, therefore, appropriate that we set aside such a day this year. All about us, doubts and fears threaten our faith in the principles which are the fiber of our society; we are called upon to prove their truth once again. Such challenges must be seen as opportunities for proof of these verities; such proof can only strengthen our Nation.

Although some may see division, we give thanks that ours is one Nation, of many diverse people, living in unity under the precept E Pluribus Unum. The fulfillment of this national principle, every day, is our task and privilege;

Although some may only see strife, we give thanks that this Nation moves each day closer to peace for all its citizens and all the world;

And we give thanks for God's strength and guidance upon which we confidently rely today and every day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, in accordance with the wish of the Congress as expressed in Section 6103 of Title 5 of the United States Code, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 26, 1970, as a day of national thanksgiving. I call upon all Americans to give thanks in homes and in places of worship for the many blessings our people enjoy.

We should not forget that for many older citizens, Thanksgiving Day may be less meaningful than it should be because it might be spent alone. For this reason I urge all public officials, voluntary organizations, private groups and families in every part of the country to welcome our senior citizens as special participants in their Thanksgiving Day festivities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy,

82 Stat. 250.